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SUBJECT: ISRAELI COMMENTS ON BRITISH ARMS EMBARGO AND
ON WAR

1. DURING GET-ACQUAINTED CALL ON MINISTER OCTOBER 11,
NEW ISRAELI DCM KEDDAR REFERRED TO BRITISH EMBARGO ON
ARMS TO ME COMBATTANTS. WHILE MOVE SOUNDS IMPARTIAL,
HE SAID, IT REALLY AFFECTS ONLY ISRAEL -- SINCE ARABS
GET THEIR ARMS FROM SOVIETS. HE SAID SOME KEY ITEMS
FOR BRITISH EQUIPMENT IN ISRAEL (HE MENTIONED
CENTURION TANKS) WERE IN PIPELINE. BRITISH HAD BEEN
DEAF TO EMBASSY REPRESENTATIONS THAT PIPELINE ITEMS BE
ALLOWED TO PROCEED.

2. KEDDAR ALSO WAS INTERESTED IN BRITISH STRATEGY FOR
UN. WE PLEADED IGNORANCE SO FAR FROM NEW YORK SCENE.
HE, AND POLITICAL OFFICER ERAN, EXPRESSED BELIEF THAT
ISRAELIS COULD NOT RESIST TRYING TO PUSH EGYPTIANS TO
OTHER SIDE OF CANAL AND ADMINISTERING RESOUNDING DE-
FEAT, DESPITE HIGH CASUALTIES THIS LIKELY TO INVOLVE.

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